

WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Winter 2015

Community League Meetings – Everyone is welcome to attend! Next meeting is January 19, 2015 at 7pm at the Windsor Park Hall

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

BaseCamp Day of Service (August 2015)

Thank you to the Lister Hall resident students and Windsor Park's Danika Kunimoto for taking pictures around lovely Windsor Park. These pictures will be used in the future to populate a new website for Windsor Park.

Membership – What does it mean to you?

The WPCL President will be calling for a Special Meeting to take place on January 19, 2016. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the Special Resolution to repeal our current bylaws and replace them with new bylaws. Note that only Active Members, defined by our bylaws as those who have paid their currently-owed membership fees, will be eligible to vote on the Special Resolution. Currently, about 30 households have paid their membership fees, meaning that around 75-80 people are eligible to vote on adopting a new set of bylaws. If you would like to be counted among this group, now is the time to get your membership.

Other benefits of membership include a 10% discount on annual, monthly and multi-admission passes to City of Edmonton recreation centers; ability to enrol youth in community sports programs specifically soccer, hockey and softball; and, an opportunity to vote on community league decisions regarding urban development.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Saturday November 28, 2015 – St. George's Book, Baking and Art Sale. See page 8 for more details.
- Saturday November 28, 2015 – Community League History Workshop. See page 10 for registration details.
- Saturday December 5, 2015 – Minkha Sweater Sale. See page 6 for details.
- Saturday December 5, 2015 – Lendrum Pottery Group Christmas Sale. See page 15.
- Sunday December 20, 2015 – Windsor Park Christmas Carol Party. See page 12 for details.



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Newcomers to Windsor Park.

If you are new to the community,
or know of any new Windsor Park
residents, let me know at
alexialaneferrari@gmail.com so we
can extend a community welcome!

WIRELESS PASSWORD for the park is the building address repeated twice **1184011840**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

-By: Elaine Solez

- **Subdivision of RF1 Properties:** Last spring Council approved a change to the Zoning Bylaw to allow the subdivision of lots in the RF1 zone into two narrower lots. Subdivided lots can be no narrower than half the average lot width on the blockface, with a minimum lot width of 7.6 meters (25 ft). In the past, on the rare occasion there was a subdivision application in Windsor Park, the neighbours on either side, utilities, other jurisdictions such as the university or school board (if applicable), and the community league received a notice from the City inviting their input on the proposal. The Municipal Government Act (MGA) states these properties and other entities to be notified about subdivision applications. There is no such requirement to notify community leagues.
- **The Planning and Development Department** is no longer informing community leagues when a subdivision application has been received, unless it requires a relaxation of the average blockface width or the minimum width. As of October, 2015, there has only been 1 subdivision application in Windsor Park since this change has been made to the Zoning Bylaw last spring. It was an application to subdivide a 100 ft lot into 2 standard 50 ft. lots. Note: per the MGA, subdivision applications cannot be appealed by the neighbours or the community league.
- **Top of Bank Properties:** City Council is now considering exempting top of bank properties from subdivision given a pattern of problems caused by infill construction on non-subdivided top of bank properties that have compromised bank stability. This was a recommendation that Windsor Park made when Council was considering the Zoning Bylaw change to allow subdivision of RF1 properties. It was not accepted at the time but is being given another look now. Executive Committee will consider this idea on December 7, 2015.
- **Infill Construction Issues:** City Council heard loud and clear from individuals, communities and EFCL about infill construction practices that cause problems for neighbours and the City, including flooding neighbours' yards and basements, damaging fences and public and private sidewalks, removal of boulevard trees, placement of windows and noisy side-venting mechanical systems. Council is considering ways of reducing these problems, including increasing inspections and fines. Council also is considering requiring signs on infill development properties that contain such information as what has been approved and contact info. These items will come back to Council early in 2016.
- **Protecting Mature Trees:** City Council is looking at ways of protecting mature trees on infill properties. Under consideration are such measures as increasing landscaping requirements and providing credits for retaining mature trees on a 2:1 basis; giving drainage credits for retaining mature trees, which absorb considerable water and keep it out of the storm sewer system; and developing a Mature Tree bylaw which would require a permit to remove trees on private property. Various options were discussed at Executive Committee on November 10 and further work on the proposals will be considered by City Council early in 2016.
- **Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Overlay:** This overlay, which is intended guide densification in locations within walking distance of LRT stations and is likely to affect some parts of Windsor Park, is on hold until the review of the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay takes place. The MNO review is expected to take place early in 2016.

CHRISTMAS BUREAU OF EDMONTON CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Established in 1940 as part of the Edmonton Council of Social Agencies, the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton responded to an urgent need in the community. Many families were facing difficult times due to World War II and were unable to enjoy the most basic of Christmas traditions-sharing a meal. With the help of generous Edmontonians, 754 families received festive hampers in their inaugural year.

While a lot has changed in 75 years, the mandate of the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton remains the same: to ensure that all Edmonton families, individuals and seniors in need can enjoy a festive meal at Christmastime. This year, the charity expects to assist 14,500 families and 6,000 seniors with the help of over 500 volunteers and will count on the support of thousands of donors and fundraisers.

For hamper sponsorship to making a cash donation, there are many ways you can support the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton this year. Call 780-421-9627 or visit their website to learn more: christmasbureau.ca

THE FACULTY CLUB PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT!

- WHY:** Meet new friends, old friends, finally use your trivia knowledge and...WIN YOUR BAR TAB!
WHEN: Thursday: January 28 and February 25 at 7:00 pm
WHERE: The Faculty Club Lounge (University of Alberta)
BRING: Your inner nerd, friends and family who know things you don't know, and a team of 2 to 6 people

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TRIVIA QUESTIONS

(answers on page 10)

1. The longest word that can be typed all on one row of the typewriter keyboard, is a 10-letter word that can be typed on the top row (alphabet) of typewriter keys. What is the 10-letter word?
2. Percy Spencer's discovery that his chocolate bar became a mess when near a magnetron lead to the invention of what modern convenience?
3. Who are we?
4. This is the logo for which company?



GENERAL CONTRACTOR REFERRAL SERVICE

Are you tired of paying double the rate for renovations because you live in the university area? I live in Windsor Park, and I have carefully selected contractors based on their quality of work and tendency to charge fair prices for the work done, not the area I live in.

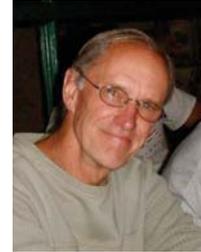
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MINKHA SWEATER SALE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday December 5, 2015 at the Windsor Park Community Hall (11840 87 Ave.) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Hand-knit pure alpaca and Peruvian prima cotton sweaters, scarves, hats, and vests for men, women and children are for sale. Orders for custom knit items are available.

Prices: \$25 to \$250.

Minkha is a non-profit group and all money is returned to the Minkha Women's Knitting Cooperative in Bolivia.

For further information call: Linda Haswell at 780-436-5732 or www.minkhasweaters.com

Windsor Park is a thriving, mature community located near the University of Alberta. The community offers an elementary school, several parks and an active community league. Windsor Park is also in close proximity to downtown and the trail systems along Saskatchewan Drive and the North

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Next newsletter –March 2016. The deadline for submission is Monday February 15, 2016

Please email submissions to Alexia Ferrari, alexia.lane.ferrari@gmail.com



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Winterscaping is a great way to keep our neighbourhoods looking beautiful year-round, and to enjoy winter by creating something fun with family and friends.

- Snow, ice, plants and stones
- Creative use of garden features (planters, birdbaths, and wildlife feeders)
- Lighting and colour

NOMINATE A WINTERSCAPE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A WINTERSCAPE AWARD

Send in a photo nomination of your or someone else's winterscape **January 11 - February 21, 2016** at edmonton.ca/winterscapes

Categories include:

- * Winter Garden
- * Winter Art
- * Winter Play

Weekly prize draw for submitted nominations.



For winterscape ideas and program info:
edmonton.ca/winterscapes

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Mon. – Wed.: 12:10 pm

Thurs. 12:30 pm

Fri. – no masses

Note: Weekday masses are held in the St. Kateri Chapel in the new Women's Residence.

Sat.: 4:30 pm

Sun.: 9:30 am, 11 am, 7 pm

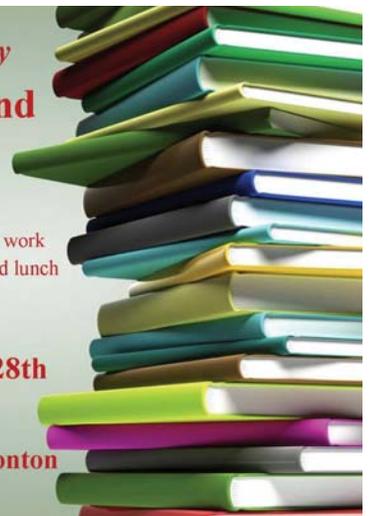
St. George's Holiday Book, Baking and Art Sale

A wide selection of books, baking, work from local artists, select treasures and lunch will be available.

Saturday, November 28th

9am-2pm

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THE ROLLIE MILES ATHLETIC FIELD MASTER PLAN WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park faces the challenge of addressing community needs with infrastructure beyond its expected life cycle. In 2013 & 2014, the City of Edmonton began to collect information from the community and primary users to understand more about the recreational activities that were important in this park. The Master Plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016.

Phase two of public engagement began with an Open House held on Nov 5th and a survey was launched. For those who couldn't attend the Open House, the **survey** is available online for you to provide your feedback.

- **Your participation** in this **survey** will help to further **develop the concept options** and **determine the future** of the renewal of Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park. **Survey is open until December 6, 2015.** Survey is available at:
<https://www.edmontoninsightcommunity.ca/S.aspx?s=321&r=9JS83Oq06Q6fO3MH1au7Hc&so=true&a=721&fromdetect=1>
- **Future updates** (& survey) are available at: www.edmonton.ca/rolliemilesathleticpark

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PROJECT INFORMATION

The EFCL has a 100 Year Anniversary Project. The Historical Researcher – Leslie Holmes (leslie.holmes@efcl.org) has reached out to all Edmonton community leagues to obtain individual's stories for this project. She is hoping to connect with volunteers and members who have a variety of stories to tell, and would like to participate in this project.

If you are interested in participating in the project, please contact Leslie at leslie.holmes@efcl.org. They are seeking stories, memories etc. Examples of stories and memories can be found online at <http://efcl.org/events--projects/efcl-100-year-anniversary/memory-moments/>

Saturday, November 28th is the date of the next Community League History Workshop. It is from 1-3pm at the Prince of Wales Armouries, and is free to attend. If you have interest in researching your community, record keeping, or getting more involved with the 100 Year Anniversary Project, this is a great opportunity. Please email me to register!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Typewriter
2. Microwave
3. Crosby, Still, Nash and Young
4. Milton Bradley

BaseCamp Day of Service



**THE UofA FACULTY CLUB
PRESENTS**

Upcoming Events



*Family Christmas
Buffet & Party*
Monday, December 21, 2015
\$ 32.50 per person + GST



*New Year's Eve
Dinner & Dance*
Thursday, December 31, 2015
\$ 85 per person + GST



A Capella group
*6 Minute
Warning*
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
\$ 45 per person + GST



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Wine Testing*
Friday, January 15, 2016
\$ 30 per person + GST

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Everyone is invited to the
Windsor Park Christmas Carol Party
Sunday December 20 from 2 – 4 pm in the
Community League Building



Carol Singing, Live Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Lillian Upright

Story Telling by Jennie Frost

Refreshments

Admission free; donations to the Food Bank are appreciated

Volunteer musicians who would like to join the orchestra (with one hour of practice just before the concert) are most welcome. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Nyland at 780-433-2211 or sarah.nyland@gmail.com



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But the best part is volunteering. MCRs are all about sharing a waste reduction message with friends, family, neighbours, and coworkers. Volunteer activities include showing a neighbour how to grasscycle, helping a family start a worm compost, hosting a wasteless dinner party, or being a compost mentor at a community garden.

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January 5th - 30th, 2016

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BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT

A report is available on the WPCL website and covers the building maintenance activities for the League Hall for the period of July 1 to October 30, 2015.

Why Maintain the Hall?

An aspect of building maintenance is asking questions like “Why do we have the building?” “Why do we spend so much time and effort and money on the building?” Certainly, Windsor Park Community League has long had a building (since 1992) that can only operate in the red (deficit). Like many halls built in this era, it is a very small hall (allowance of 40-50 persons) with a non-commercial kitchen, and thus it does not attract rentals. Building rental income, despite efforts to promote rentals, has only ever been a fraction of utility costs, for example. Hall rentals currently generate less than \$1000 per year. Meanwhile, costs for the Hall are great: \$6000 (utilities), \$3000 (janitorial), \$2700 (snow removal), \$2000 (portion of insurance coverage for building), and \$5000 (average repair and renovation costs per year). The costs are thus in the range of \$18,000 per year or \$36,000 every 2 years. By comparison, community league programs and activities only amount to \$8000-10,000 per year, including \$5000 each year for the Green Shack program.

One of the key programs in the Hall is the preschool. They are the main reason the Hall is maintained in basic operational condition. Which immediately answers the question: “Why do we have casino fundraising?” Without casino fundraising, the Hall could not be maintained. The first \$36,000 of the \$80,000 generally earned through casino fundraising every 2 years is automatically spent, and will be spent indefinitely, on the Hall.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Adult 1: _____ Adult 2: _____

Children/Dependents: _____

_____ Age: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Interested in receiving WPCL email updates: Yes _____ No _____

Volunteer interest (optional): Yes _____ No _____

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A WPCL MEMBER!

Type of Membership

Family (household of any number) - \$25.00 per year

Honorary (seniors 65 years and older) - \$0.00 (or donation, if desired)

Cheques Payable to:
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Membership Contact
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